

**THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION TO NAME THE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS AT THE BEND
STREET COMPLEX IN HONOR OF JOSEPH F. JOHNSON, SR.**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. served as a police officer in the Warwick Police Department from 1962-1983; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. served as President of the Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr., was a proud founder of the Warwick Police Athletic League (PAL); and

WHEREAS, from 1983-1995 Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. served as the first full time National Executive Director of the National Association of Police Athletic Leagues; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. served on the USA Baseball Board of Directors from 1986-1995; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. served on the United State Olympic Committee Board of Directors from 1986-1995; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. passed away on August 8, 2019 and is sadly missed by his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. was a respected and beloved member of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to honor Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. by naming the baseball/softball fields at the Bend Street Complex as “The Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. Sports Complex.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby names the baseball/softball fields at the Bend Street Complex as “The Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. Sports Complex.” and the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to place a sign at that with said name.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of Public Works.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC PROPERTIES

